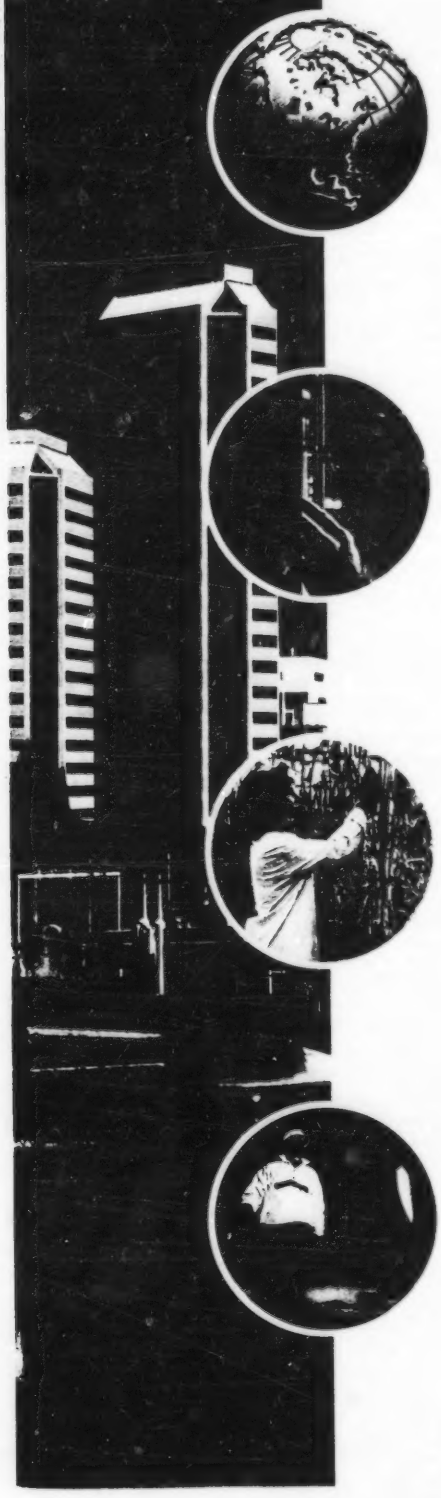
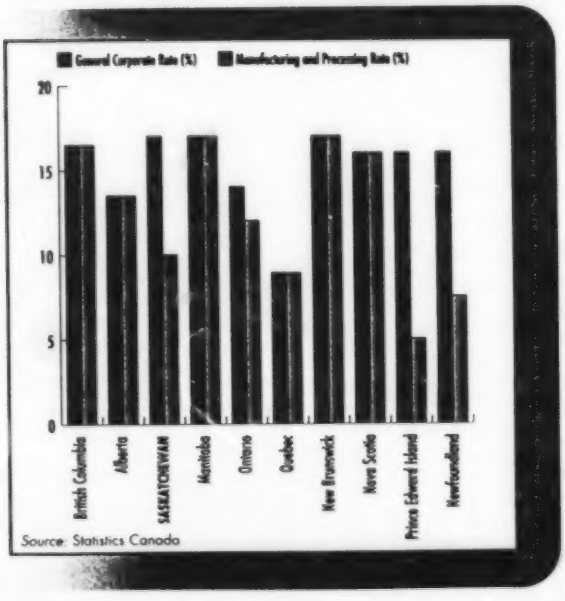
SASKATCHEWAN

SUCCESS THROUGH INNOVATION



- Saskatchewan has reduced the manufacturing and processing income tax rate from 17 per cent to as low as 10 per cent, depending on how much business the company does in the province.
- The province offers a 6 per cent tax credit on manufacturing and processing equipment, plus there is no provincial sales tax charged on direct agents used in manufacturing and processing.
- Our small business income tax rate is being reduced to 6 per cent effective July 1, 2001. That is 40 per cent lower than the rate in place in 1991. In addition, the amount of income to which the small business tax rate applies is being increased from $200,000 to $300,000.
- We have decreased the provincial sales tax from 9 to 6 per cent. No other province with a sales tax offers a lower rate.
- Saskatchewan offers a 15 per cent research and development income tax credit for a wide array of industries.
- Our province's film industry benefits from an employment tax credit ranging from 35 per cent to 40 per cent.
- We removed the provincial sales tax on toll-free telephone services, which has encouraged the establishment of major call centres in the province.
- All regulated professions may permit their members to incorporate their professional practices.

Provincial Comparison of 2001 Corporate Tax Rates



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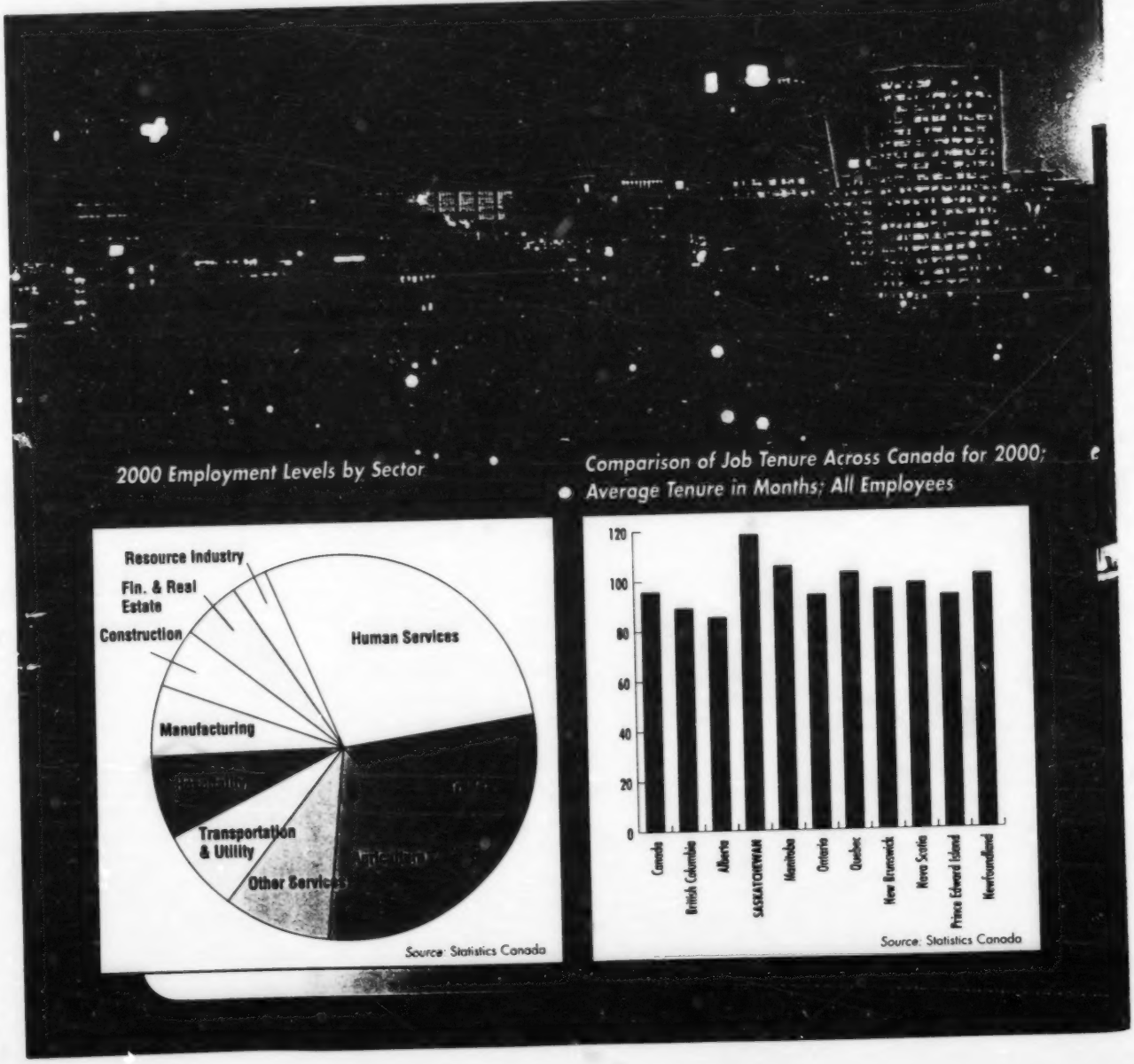
WORKFORCE

- Job tenure in Saskatchewan is consistently the best in Canada — exceeding the national average by more than 23 per cent — resulting in lower costs to hire and train new staff.
- Saskatchewan's workers are educated — 45 per cent have a post-secondary diploma, certificate or degree.
- Saskatchewan workers are highly motivated and lose few days due to illness or accident.
- Productivity, especially in the manufacturing sector, consistently ranks higher than the national average — by 15 to 20 per cent.
- Saskatchewan's multicultural workforce is able to serve customers in many languages.

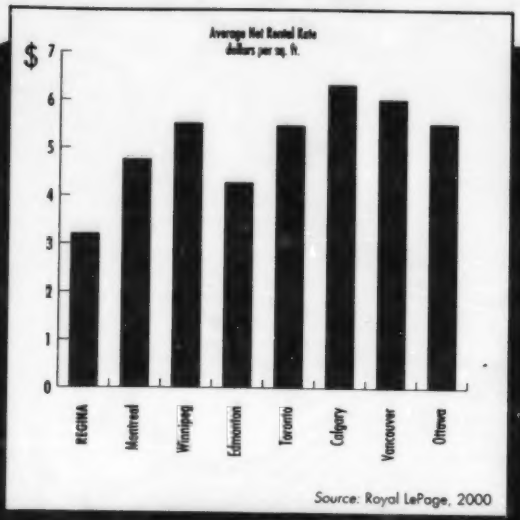


2000 Employment Levels by Sector

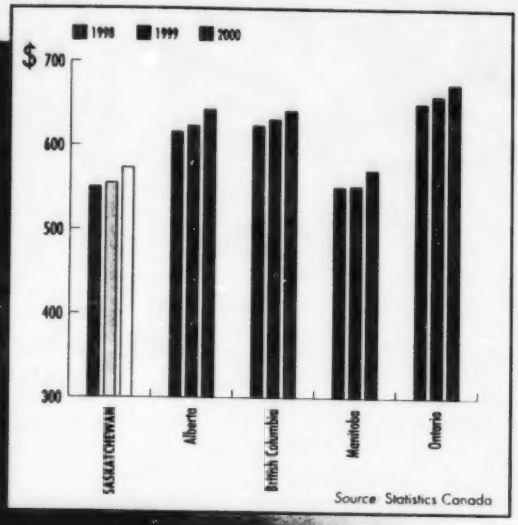
Source: Statistics Canada

Comparison of Job Tenure Across Canada for 2000; Average Tenure in Months; All Employees

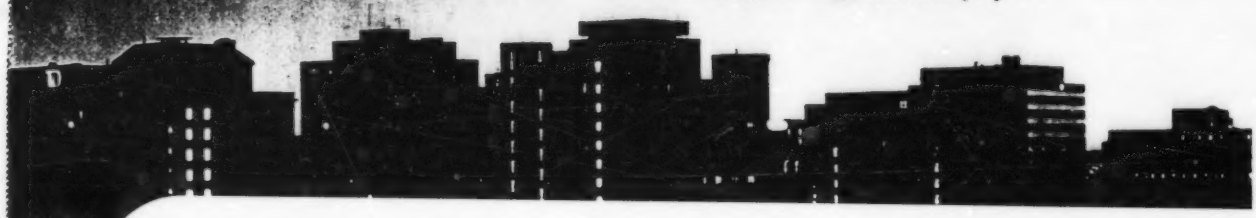
Source: Statistics Canada



Comparison of Industrial Property Rental Rates, 2000



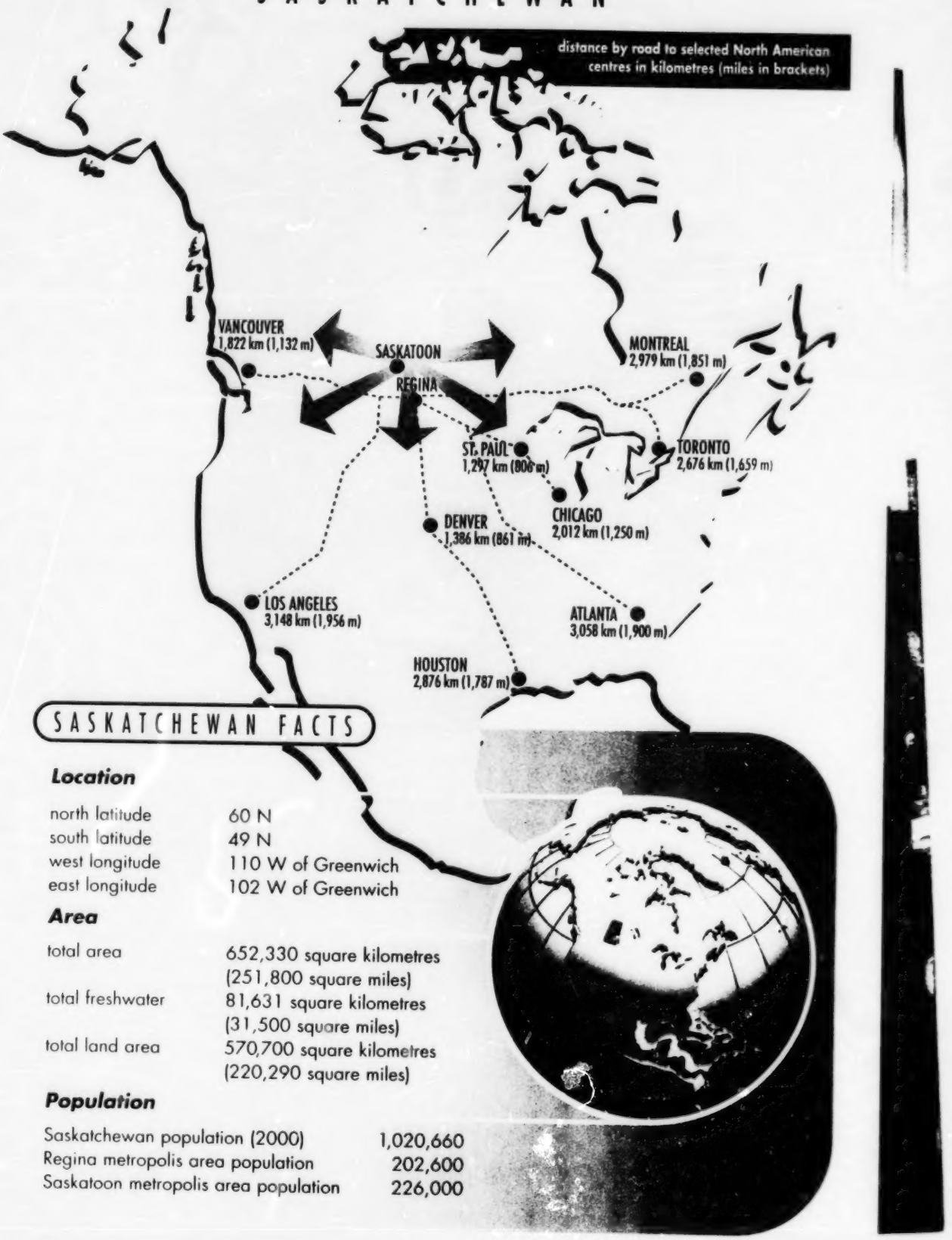
Industrial Aggregate Wage Comparison Average Weekly Earnings for All Employees



COST OF DOING BUSINESS

- Industrial serviced land in major Saskatchewan cities sells for as little as $60,000 per acre (and unserviced for $25,000), while prices can range from $34,000 to $400 per acre in smaller centres; industrial rents and land costs are the lowest in Canada.
- Construction wages are about 20 per cent less than the Canadian average.
- The province offers the most stable wages in Canada, with the lowest average annual wage in many sectors.
- Our central time zone and central location in North America make it easy to do business throughout the continent.
- Competitive transportation costs and a solid infrastructure of road, rail and air transport make Saskatchewan a convenient distribution centre — only a day away by land from markets totalling 10 million people, and only two days from more than 80 million people in Canada and the United States.
- Crown corporations supply electricity, natural gas, water and telecommunications services to commercial and residential customers at rates that compare favourably with the rest of Canada.
- We have ready access to raw materials, a growing research infrastructure and pockets of business strength that you can tap into, such as agricultural biotechnology in Saskatoon and information technology in Regina.
- Our government is committed to continue tax reductions into the future as the economy continues to strengthen and as fiscal circumstances permit.

SASKATCHEWAN



SASKATCHEWAN FACTS

Location

north latitude	60 N
south latitude	49 N
west longitude	110 W of Greenwich
east longitude	102 W of Greenwich

Area

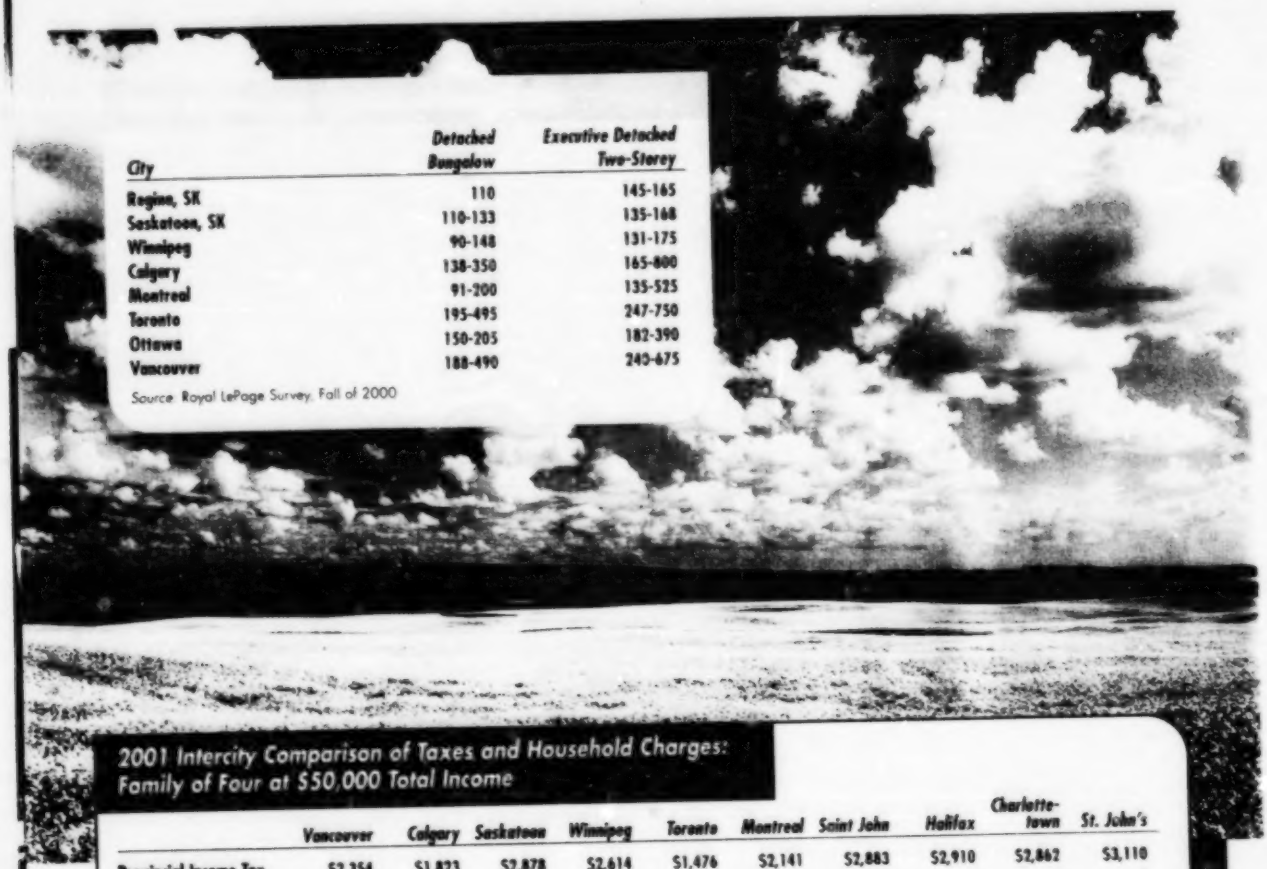
total area	652,330 square kilometres (251,800 square miles)
total freshwater	81,631 square kilometres (31,500 square miles)
total land area	570,700 square kilometres (220,290 square miles)

Population

Saskatchewan population (2000)	1,020,660
Regina metropolis area population	202,600
Saskatoon metropolis area population	226,000

COST OF LIVING

- Housing costs are lower in Saskatchewan, and owning a home is affordable for most people.
- The health system is second to none, and there are no health care premiums.
- The provincial sales tax rate of 6 per cent is the lowest of all provinces that have a provincial sales tax.
- It costs less to go to and from work because the maximum commute time is about 20 minutes.



City	Detached Bungalow	Executive Detached Two-Storey
Regina, SK	110	145-165
Saskatoon, SK	110-133	135-168
Winnipeg	90-148	131-175
Calgary	138-350	165-800
Montreal	91-200	135-525
Toronto	195-495	247-750
Ottawa	150-205	182-390
Vancouver	188-490	240-675

Source: Royal LePage Survey, Fall of 2000

2001 Intercity Comparison of Taxes and Household Charges: Family of Four at $50,000 Total Income

	Vancouver	Calgary	Saskatoon	Winnipeg	Toronto	Montreal	Saint John	Halifax	Charlotte-town	St. John's
Provincial Income Tax	$2,354	$1,823	$2,878	$2,614	$1,476	$2,141	$2,883	$2,910	$2,862	$3,110
Tax Credits and Rebates	0	0	0	(325)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Premiums	864	816	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Sales Tax	801	0	794	947	1,153	1,557	1,690	1,690	1,289	1,781
Gasoline Tax	300	180	300	230	294	334	214	270	240	330
Total Provincial Taxes	$4,319	$2,819	$3,972	$3,466	$2,923	$4,032	$4,787	$4,870	$4,391	$5,221
Mortgage Costs	$12,434	$8,691	$5,503	$5,179	$12,200	$5,496	$4,477	$6,226	$4,916	$4,302
Property Taxes	2,397	1,865	1,875	3,053	2,751	2,464	1,670	2,110	1,500	842
Home Heating	1,751	1,913	1,087	1,715	1,490	2,540	2,173	2,187	1,820	2,173
Energy Rebate	(200)	(1,680)	(25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity	569	1,458	836	589	787	603	838	923	986	856
Telephone	320	289	282	283	282	302	257	321	286	256
Auto Insurance	1,624	1,909	996	1,038	2,652	1,460	1,838	2,160	1,189	1,813
Total Household Charges	$18,895	$14,445	$10,554	$11,857	$20,162	$12,865	$11,253	$13,927	$10,697	$10,242
Total	$23,214	$17,264	$14,526	$15,323	$23,085	$16,897	$16,040	$18,797	$15,089	$15,463

Source: Saskatchewan Budget, March 2001

LIFESTYLE

- A high standard of living.
- A comfortable lifestyle in peaceful, secure communities with a low crime rate.
- A stable democratic society, and a justice system that protects the individual.
- A sense of "community" with neighbours helping neighbours and friendly people who welcome and accept others of different ethnic backgrounds.
- A health system that is second to none, with no personal premiums or personal charges for basic and needed health services.
- A comprehensive, quality education system.
- Access to modern and varied shopping and dining.
- Affordable leisure, arts, cultural, sporting and entertainment facilities and events.
- Wide open spaces and clean air that is virtually smog-free.

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